



Welcome To Catshill Methodist Church Centre

**Worship God
Welcome Everyone
Serve the Community**

Newsletter : October 24th – November 7th 2024

OUR CHURCH NEWS & EVENTS

WORSHIP (10.30 am unless stated otherwise)

**Sunday 27th October - Morning Worship
led by John Webb**

**Sunday 3rd November - Morning Worship
led by Ian Athey**

Worship plans also available here:

<https://www.catshillmethodists.org.uk/worship>

Christmas experience meeting

The next Christmas Experience Meeting will be on **Sunday 17th November** at 3pm.

Eco Church meeting

The next Eco church meeting will be on **Tuesday 19th November** at 9.30am.

Rendezvous

The next meeting is **October 31st** when the subject will be "Worcester Porcelain" speaker: Colin Millett. All welcome at 10 am for coffee.

Coach Trips

The planned coach trips for 2024 are:
9th Nov: Cheltenham £20 – leaves 9.30 am
(Names to Tricia or committee member).

Wednesday Aaradhana Group

The Aaradhana group will meet at 7:30pm on **November 20th & January 15th**. All welcome to join this group for Christian fellowship, conversation, Bible study and more.

BaC-Up (Bereaved and Carer's Group)

The next meeting of this group will be on **Tuesday October 29th** at 2.30 pm. The subject for this meeting will be "Food likes and dislikes"! The group meets on the last Tuesday of the month. All carers, present

and past, and those bereaved at any time, welcome. Join us for chat, coffee/tea & cake!

Prayer Group

Prayer group meets fortnightly at 10am for about 45 minutes. All are welcome to this important part of our church life. Any prayer requests will be very welcome. Next meeting **Tuesday October 29th**.

Busy Bees

This is an informal group sharing ideas & encouragement on a wide range of craft projects. All are welcome. Next meeting will be at 10.30-12.30 on **November 7th** in the church and then fortnightly.

Foundation Safeguarding Training Course

There is a course at our church on **Sat. 16th November** 1- 4pm. Please speak to Jackie Hooper regarding your safeguarding training.

Prayer Vigil

There will be a prayer vigil on **Friday 22nd November** from 2 pm – 6 pm. Come for any length of time. Perhaps read a Bible passage then pray and/or meditate on it.

The Christmas Experience (from Sue)

The Christmas Experience is back! From the 1st - 4th December we shall be sharing the Christmas story with even more local school children, youth groups and adults than last year. Mary, the inn- keeper, the shepherds and a wise man will tell what happened on the night that Jesus was born. They will each have a dwelling (gazebo) dressed and simply furnished.

Last year you loaned us so many perfect props and I hope that you are able to do the same again please. I will be in touch with those people on my list soon! I will gather the items together nearer the time.

We particularly need blankets, sheets and throws in neutral colours, a curtain or the like in rich colours and a small richly coloured rug.

Please ensure all loaned items are named to ensure safe return. Thank you.

Sue Yarrington 01527 877120

ECO church information & top tips

Even though it's not November (yet) some of us will be starting to think about Christmas presents, so why not consider a climate friendly gift? Ideas include: tickets for the cinema/theatre; a voucher towards the cost of a family meal; a music subscription, or why not create a handmade gift or even support a local charity or small business.

Dave's new book!

Dave 2nd book called "Hopeless Henry's Little Problem (and 99 other what I still call poems)" is now available at £5 with all profits going to the Basement Project.

Dates for your diary

There will be a Kurling evening on **Saturday, 11th January 2025.**

Coffee shop planned events

Strings orchestra concert - **October 26th.**

Children in Need - **Friday 15th November**

Performance from the Platform Players (schoolchildren playing music) **Saturday December 7th 11.30-12.30.**

Christmas Music with the Strings Orchestra **Saturday December 14th 11am to midday**

Carols around the Piano/Christmas Jumper Day - **Saturday 21st December**

We'll be having a clear out!

There is a tendency for things to get left at church, often in room 5 or upstairs, and then forgotten about, which is unhelpful when the rooms are needed for other purposes, and sometimes could become a fire hazard. So over the next few weeks we will be having a clear out! If you have anything in either of these rooms that is not in a cupboard, please either remove it or identify it to Ian or Dave so we know what belongs to who and why it is there. Otherwise it will be disposed of! Thank you

More Dates for your Diary

Sunday 10th November - Remembrance Sunday - NO MORNING SERVICE at Catshill - join in with the village Memorial Service. Afternoon Peace Service at 4 pm

Sunday 17th November - Café style church led by Dave Morgan and the Mission Praise band

Sunday 24th November - annual Toy Service led by Rev Anne Smith

OUR CIRCUIT NEWS & EVENTS

Alcester Curry Night

There will be a curry night at Alcester Church on Sat. 2nd November at 5pm (details attached)

Peckwood Forest Activities

<https://www.facebook.com/Peckwood-Forest-Space-107329065639646>

Live streamed services from Studley

<https://www.youtube.com/@studleymethodistchurch/streams>

DISTRICT & OTHER NEWS & EVENTS

Methodist Women in Britain meeting

The Autumn District meeting will be on the 9th Nov. 10.30am - 3 pm at Erdington Methodist Church (details attached)

PRAYER FOR TODAY

Dear God, we pray that each one of us feels your presence now and every day, whatever the circumstances, time or place. May we all reflect you, in our own particular words, thoughts and deeds, in such a way that others too can come to feel and know your presence throughout the whole world. In Jesus' name. Amen.

Croft House Theology Study Group, Fair Isle, Shetland

Notices and News to Dave Morgan at meandi@btinternet.com by 5 p.m. on Thursday November 7th please

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<https://www.catshillmethodists.org.uk/notices>